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TO : The Amembassy, TOKYO

FROM : DEPARTMENT OF STATE

SUBJECT : Consular Convention with Japan

REF : Your A-886, December 20, 1962

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It is presumed the concern of the Foreign Office is that the consular convention be signed so that timely consideration leading towards Japanese ratification can be given the convention by the Diet on or after February 1, 1963.

In order that the Department may authorize the signature of the convention, it must first, as stated previously, obtain approval of interested Departments and Agencies in the Executive Branch. At this time the Department is initiating correspondence towards this end. It could be observed, in this connection, that study of the sixty-seven editing and typographical changes listed in the Embassy's A-672, A-695, and the Airgram under reference, also is time consuming. Assuming that there are no suggested changes or revisions by the Department or other Departments or Agencies, the interested Bureaus in the Department must obtain Circular 175 approval from the Secretary of State to authorize signature. Once this authorization has been obtained, it will then be necessary to obtain the customary Full Power authorization for the Ambassador to sign and simultaneously, it will be necessary for the Foreign Office, in cooperation with the Embassy, to engross the convention documents. Because of the foregoing, it is most doubtful that the Embassy is in a position to promise signature as early as February 1, 1963.

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